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OSC'S DATABASE THAT TRACKS CRIMINALS NOW AVAILABLE TO OVER 5,000 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS IN WAKE COUNTY AND THE PIEDMONT

CJLEADS On-Line At 146 Local, State and Federal Agencies

RALEIGH -- State Controller David McCoy today announced that over 5,000 criminal justice professionals now have access to CJLEADS (Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services) throughout Wake County and the Piedmont. A total of 146 local, state and federal agencies have the system on-line to help them catch criminals. Statewide deployment to the Phase I area, which includes the upper and lower piedmont regions of the state, began in January, 2011.

The OSC's CJLEADS Quarterly Report to the General Assembly, available at www.osc.nc.gov, details progress to date and also includes feedback from CJLEADS users about how the program is helping them make more efficient and effective decisions, catch criminals and make the public safer.

Efficient and Effective Decisions

- A Roxboro Police Officer said CJLEADS has allowed him to run various license plate and driver's license numbers without having to tie up his dispatchers. He has used it "quite a bit" when verifying a subject's identity. He added that the system is very simple, easy to use, and practically "fool-proof."
- A Raleigh Police Officer said CJLEADS has been an extraordinary tool to use in the field of law enforcement. By using CJLEADS he has a tactical advantage with suspects because he has advanced knowledge of individuals in matters of law enforcement prior to engagement or enforcement action. He added that knowing the history of the subject prior to interaction aids in an officer's safety.
- A Mint Hill Police Officer, who is a School Resource Officer at a large high school, said CJLEADS is invaluable for ease of use. He added that it is "such a pleasure to have all this information at my fingertips, without having to call numerous agencies for the help."

Catching Criminals

- Person County Sheriff's Office – During a narcotics investigation, the Sheriff's Office had an individual under surveillance for several hours. The individual was driving a car with dealer tags so he could not be identified through DMV. The suspect shopped in a "big box" store and the officers obtained surveillance camera images. Several hours later the suspect entered an unknown residence. The officer ran the address in CJLEADS and found all the information on the suspect including a DMV photo that matched the surveillance image.
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Officer – The officer stopped a woman for speeding and checked for outstanding warrants but did not find any. Subsequently, the officer attended CJLEADS training and ran all his pending court cases through CJLEADS. He found that this woman had aliases and warrants in

Mecklenburg and Robeson counties. When she appeared for court, the deputy confirmed the warrants and she was arrested. Without CJLEADS the officer said he would not have discovered this information.

Public Safety

- Raleigh Police Officer – An elderly woman with dementia wandered away from her home and crossed one of the busiest streets in North Raleigh during rush hour traffic. She could remember only her name and the name of her son. The officer looked up the son through CJLEADS, found an address, and safely returned the senior citizen to her home.

One of the most consistent suggestions for improving CJLEADS is to extend the 30-minute “time-out” feature, which is in place as a security measure. OSC is looking at alternative solutions or extended timeout parameters and is working with project stakeholders to determine if the time-out feature can be modified.

OSC Continues Statewide Roll-out of CJLEADS Beginning in May

Phase II kickoff meetings have been scheduled in the lower western and lower eastern regions of the state. Meetings will be held in the following locations:

- May 17, 2011 – Buncombe, Haywood, Madison counties - Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Asheville.
- May 18, 2011 – Mitchell, Yancey, McDowell counties - Mayland Community College, Spruce Pine.
- June 1, 2011 – Sampson, Cumberland, Duplin counties – NC Justice Academy East Campus, Salemburg.
- June 2-3, 2011 – Johnston, Harnett, Wayne counties – Johnston Community College, Smithfield.
- June 7, 2011 – Henderson, Transylvania, Polk, Rutherford counties, Hendersonville Police Department, Hendersonville.
- June 8, 2011 – Cherokee, Clay, Graham counties – Tri-county Community College, Murphy.
- June 9, 2011 – Macon, Swain, Jackson counties – Southwestern Community College, Franklin.
- June 21-22, 2011 – Columbus, Robeson, Bladen counties – Southeastern Community College, Whiteville.
- June 22-23, 2011 – New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender – Cape Fear Community College, Castle Hayne.
- June 28, 2011 – Onslow and Carteret counties – Coastal Community College, Jacksonville.
- June 29, 2011 – Craven, Pamlico, Lenoir, Jones counties – Craven County Sheriff’s Office, New Bern.

Training for the Phase II counties will begin in July, 2011, and will continue through December, 2011.

CJLEADS integrates data found within the state’s various criminal justice applications and provides up-to-date criminal information in a centralized location via a secure connection for use by state and local government criminal justice professionals. CJLEADS has two primary objectives: to provide a comprehensive view of an offender through a single application, allowing for positive identification of an offender through a photographic image; and to provide an “offender watch” capability to alert criminal justice professionals when an offender has a change in status.

More information about CJLEADS can be found at: www.cjleads.nc.gov.

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